

DE QUEEN BANK IS ROBBED

Robinson Says 5-Day Week Labor Solution

Arkansas Senator Declares Increase in Unemployment

Joe T. Robinson Home to Spend the Christmas Holidays

REVIEWS CONGRESS Says \$116,000,000 Seems Inadequate for Needs of Unemployed

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—United States Senator Joe T. Robinson, democratic leader, forces the possibility of a five-day week for labor as a means of solving unemployment in the United States.

In a statement issued on his return home for the holidays, Senator Robinson declared that the \$116,000,000 appropriated by congress for speeding up public works "appears inadequate."

"Unemployment seems to be increasing rather than diminishing," he said.

"Many circumstances indicate that mere temporary measures will be insufficient, although of course they must first be considered," he continued. "The substitution of machinery for hand labor is revolutionizing working conditions and throwing millions out of employment. To restore the equilibrium between the labor supply and the demand for laborers the industries of the United States may find it necessary to resort to the five-day week. Manifestly it is difficult to do this by the present method."

"The establishment of reserves for unemployment has been proposed. Such a reserve, however, can only be made available after the lapse of a considerable period, and like the five-day proposal, is of permanent rather than temporary character."

"Long term advances to municipalities and states to enable the carrying on of necessary public works merits attention and may become the basis for substantial relief. The way of this which may prevent the necessary legislation. There are some signs of general business improvement, but the recovery can not be quickly made. Meantime, every agency, both public and private, must co-operate wholeheartedly to minimize the distress."

Man Surrenders As Robbery Bandit

Claims He Stole \$4,000 Payroll—One Man Is Killed

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(AP)—A man who said his name was Edward Slattery of this city walked into police headquarters Thursday and said he was the bandit who stole the payroll of the Allington branch of the American Mill & Lumber Co. Wednesday afternoon.

One of the company's employees was shot and killed and another critically wounded in the holdup.

Slattery was permitted, when searched by the police and told authorities that he threw some four thousand dollars, taken in the robbery into the undergrowth of the roadside in West New Haven.

Police began a investigation in an effort to locate the money and Slattery was detained by the police for questioning further on the matter.

State Game Wardens Fight "Deer Jacking"

HARTFORD, Conn.—(AP)—State game wardens have been notified to halt the unsportsmanlike procedure of "deer jacking" which has become a veritable epidemic this year.

Deer jacking consists of stalking a deer at night with a flashlight. The animal's curiosity is excited by the light and it approaches until it is blinded by the beam. The hunter then fires.

Fish and Game Commissioner John E. Tibbitts termed it "butchery, not hunting."

Fail to Identify Man Killed During Holdup

ATTALA, Ala.—(AP)—More than 2000 persons Thursday had viewed the body of a youth killed in an attempted holdup here Tuesday midnight in efforts to establish his identity. The youth, who appeared to be about 18 years old, was shot to death by Parker, a local man, after he had seriously wounded D. C. Keith, Attala police chief.

Santa Visits 200 City Youngsters

Good Fellows Send Presents to Record Number of Local Families Christmas Eve—Campaign is Finest in History of City

The Good Fellows played Santa Claus to more than 200 Hope youngsters Christmas Eve, distributing toys and clothing and food.

Although there were more strictly useful gifts this year than in the past, owing to the great need of them, some toys were given; and it was probably the most successful Christmas-gift campaign in the history of the city.

Under the management of Mrs. Arch Moore, who so successfully handled the Good Fellows relief work in other years, the purchasing committee practically covered the city with time by gifts.

The actual distribution was handled for Mrs. Moore by Marvin Jones, D. B. Phillips and Speedy Hutson, to whom the Good Fellows extended thanks for their work late Christmas Eve.

The 1930 Good Fellows Club closed out its annual fund at \$325.50, one of the largest and most successful financial drives in any year in this city.

Mrs. F. T. Taylor Hurt in Accident

Wife of Cafe Owner Victim of Auto Crash Wednesday

Mrs. F. T. Taylor, wife of the cafe proprietor of this city, was injured severely in an automobile accident about 8 o'clock Wednesday night. She suffered a dislocated hip and painful cuts about the face.

Mrs. Taylor was riding in a car driven by B. Springs when they were struck by another auto driven by Berry Reynolds, negro. The collision occurred at the intersection of Avenue B and North Main streets.

Following the accident Mrs. Taylor was taken to Josephine Hospital, where attendants said she was painfully injured.

Vanished Woman's Body Discovered

Pine Bluff Officers Say Miss Ritchie Howard Killed Herself

PINE BLUFF.—Miss Ritchie Howard, aged 28 member of a well-known Pine Bluff family, was found dead in the garage at the Howard home Thursday morning from a pistol bullet through the heart, it was said by officers who investigated.

Miss Howard is said to have been in ill health for several months. Police said no inquest would be held.

Miss Howard's relatives had asked the police to aid in a search for her Wednesday, when she failed to appear at breakfast.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. C. P. Howard and a sister, Mrs. J. R. Yerger, jr., both of Pine Bluff.

Three Drowned as Launch Capsizes

Party of Thirteen Were Enroute to Yacht for Party

SAUSALITO, Calif.—(AP)—Three men were believed to have drowned late Thursday night, when a launch in which they were riding capsized, throwing thirteen occupants into the cold waters of Richardson Bay.

Ten of the victims were rescued a short time after the accident by a ferry boat nearby.

The party were on their way to a yacht owned by Isabre Zellerbach a San Francisco capitalist.

Vet Bureau Moves to Rush Aid for Needy

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Special consideration will be given by the Veterans' Bureau to World War veterans who are in poor health or out of employment, as a result of instructions issued all field stations by Col. George E. Hams, director.

The instruction require preferred and expedited attention to all pending claims for disability allowance or compensation where the veterans are in poor health, unemployed, or where his dependents are in destitute circumstances. Action in connection with them, such as medical examinations and ratings, is to be given priority.

Since legislation last July granted disability allowances to World War veterans more than 260,000 applications have been received at the Bureau, it was announced. More than 30,000 have been adjudicated and 41,000 allowed.

Double Program Held By Rotarians, Kiwanians, Friday

Rev. W. P. Harmon and Ed McCorkle Speak at Luncheon Here

COURAGE FOR 1931 Inspirational Talk, and History of Local Press, Features of Program

A double-barreled program was offered Friday noon at Hotel Barlow when the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs met at a joint luncheon.

The Rev. W. P. Harmon, Kiwanian and pastor of the Christian church, spoke on the need of faith and courage in the new business year; and Ed McCorkle, president of the Arkansas Press Association, gave another of the Rotary industrial talks, discussing the newspaper history of Hope.

Secret Is Guest

Earl Secret, the first local boy to become captain of the University of Arkansas football team, and who will lead the Razorbacks in 1931, was introduced to the club; as was Albert Graves, son of O. A. Graves, who ranked No. 1 student at Hendrix college and who is now studying law at Harvard.

John Green, charter member of Hope Rotary, now of Little Rock, was also a guest. The meeting was presided over jointly by George Ware, president of Rotary, and R. V. Herndon, president of Kiwanis.

The Rev. Mr. Harmon opened his address on the new year by recalling that the national business depression has a counterpart in all human life. "The human heart," he said, "rests between each beat. Yet that momentary rest is not lost motion. It is a necessary factor. In it we acquire new energy, and life, we pull up for the moment, only to push on again with new faith and courage and energy. We need to remember that this coming year."

Large Firms Renew Advertising Faith

Many Firms Are Increasing Budgets for 1931 Outlays

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Faith in the success of continued advertising in periods of boom and depression is expressed by several leading advertisers in the current issue of Printers Ink, advertising publication.

"What is the real value of continued advertising effort?" the publication asked.

J. L. Johnson, president of the Lambert Printing Co., replied: "Our opinion of the importance of continuity of advertising effort is shown by the 10-year record of our advertising expenditures."

J. A. Zellerbach, president of the Janitor Knitting Mills, Inc., answered: "Our experience is thoroughly convincing as to the necessity of advertising continuity. . . . In increasing our advertising outlay for 1931 we believe that we are sowing the seed of future volume and profits."

Louis W. Wheelock, vice president of Stephen F. Whitman & Son, said: "We believe in advertising all the time. . . . Advertising just now is an expression of confidence in one's product and the future of America."

C. R. Miller, president of Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc., said: "In my opinion the one sure way to make national advertising count is to see that it is continuous."

Truck Driver Kills Man and Escapes

Holds Off Crowd With Revolver After Fatal Accident

RICHMOND, Va.—(AP)—An unidentified negro truck driver Friday held off a crowd with a revolver and made his escape after he had run into and fatally injured Charles Douglas Gentry, 54-year-old white man.

The crowd gathered quickly after the accident but were held off by the black who escaped in the truck. Officers are searching for him.

Gentry was employed by the city of Richmond.

Dangerous Rock Found Off Coast of Korea

MANILA.—(AP)—An uncharted rock which constitutes a menace to navigation between the Philippine Islands and Japan has been discovered off the coast of Korea, according to reports. The top of the rock protrudes and the depth of the water surrounding it is from three and one-half to five and one-half fathoms, with a rocky bottom.

He May Be Next Viceroy of India



The trouble-fought post of Viceroy of India may be held soon by Lord Curzon, shown above in a new portrait. Noted in Britain's military and diplomatic circles, he has been rumored as a possible successor to Lord Irwin, who will retire next April.

Arkadelphia Boys in Auto Accident

Three Hurt, One Seriously, Returning From Hope Christmas Dance

Three Arkadelphia youths were hurt, one very seriously, in an automobile accident on No. 67 while returning home Thursday night from a Christmas dance in Hope.

Paul Hardage suffered cuts about the head and face and was brought back to Hope for treatment at Josephine Hospital. Noelle Adams and Douglas McMillan, Jr., were cut and bruised, but were able to continue on their way home Thursday night. Hardage will leave the local hospital late Friday, returning home by train.

Camden Baking Co. Suffers Fire Loss

Home of One Owner Also Destroyed—\$25,000 Loss Estimated

CAMDEN, Ark.—(AP)—The plant of the Camden Baking Company and the home of the owners, which adjoined the factory was destroyed by fire early Friday.

Loss by the owners given as twenty-five thousand dollars.

Arrest Follows Yellville Killing

Dorsey Cheek, 25, Accused of Murder of Taxi-cab Operator

YELLVILLE.—(AP)—Dorsey Cheek, aged 25, was in jail here Thursday in connection with the fatal wounding late Wednesday of Sterling West, 65, taxi operator.

Officers said they learned Cheek telephoned West to get him as a fare and when West alighted from his cab Cheek was alleged to have struck him three times over the head with a club. The motive for the attack was not known.

Negro Servant Is Given House-Lot

Promise Given Twenty-one Years Ago Kept Last Thursday

FORT SMITH.—(AP)—Twenty-one years ago Allen Kennedy, Fort Smith insurance broker, promised a house and lot to General Kimp, negro servant, if he was in his employ on Christmas 1930.

General and his wife had a house-warming in their new home Thursday.

200 Lose Lives in Holiday Accidents in United States

Automobiles Lead the List of Fatalities By Two Thirds

MANY ARE INJURED Fires, Gun Fights and Poison on Liquor Listed as Responsible

(By The Associated Press)

Two hundred or more deaths marked Christmas joys Thursday as accident took a heavy toll from coast to coast.

Fires, drownings, hunting tragedies and poisonous alcohol cost the lives of many; with the automobiles figuring as the greatest agents of destruction, causing more than two-thirds of the deaths.

In the mid-west approximately 60 fatalities were reported during the day and Thursday night.

Arkansas had five deaths and about twenty injuries.

Automobiles caused by far the largest number of deaths, accounted for more than two-thirds of them. Several disastrous fires in dwellings were reported, and in New York city the office of the medical examiner ascribed 10 of the day's deaths to poison liquor.

Several died in shooting affrays, gun battles claiming five lives in the South. One of those to die by bullets was a woman.

In Rochester, N. Y., a father poured gasoline upon a kitchen fire, mistaking it for kerosene. Two of his children died following the resultant explosion.

Belario's birthday. He died of burns suffered as he rushed into the blazing home of a neighbor in which he believed two children were asleep. Last night the arson squad was investigating circumstances in connection with the fire.

A bridge collapsed in Missouri and two died; a man froze to death in Indiana, and the body of another man, also frozen was found in Pennsylvania.

The west coast also reported a poison liquor death but most of the other fatalities in that section resulted from automobile accidents.

In Philadelphia a nine-year-old girl stood on a sidewalk, displaying to a group of little friends her most cherished Christmas gift, a new dress. Two automobiles collided, skidded and she was killed instantly.

There were countless accident and hundreds of persons injured. In the South many suffered from wounds resulting from fireworks and in Buffalo, N.Y., six persons, singing Christmas carols were run down by an automobile.

Mrs. Mary Mangel, 68-year-old widow, run down as she went to mass in Little Rock last night. Herman Boshers, 21, clerk, was held on a charge of manslaughter.

Willie Barling, 23, grandson of the founder of Barling, Ark., killed by a truck at that town. Frank Swartz, Paris, Ark., was held after a chase of several miles.

Eight Buildings Burn Near Malvern

The Business Section of Donaldson Destroyed By Blaze

MALVERN, Ark.—(AP)—Eight frame buildings, including the post office and telephone exchange at Donaldson, near here were destroyed by fire early Friday.

The loss according to information received here is estimated at approximately eight thousand dollars. It was not learned whether there was insurance, on all the buildings.

Christmas Hungry Get Good Dinners

Denver Restaurant Owner Padlocks Cash Box Thursday

DENVER, Colo.—(AP)—A. A. McVittie, restaurant owner padlocked his cash register Thursday, saying that no person in Denver who could not afford the price of a Christmas dinner would be turned away.

"I was a hungry boy myself one Christmas day."

All the turkey they could eat and all the fixings was served to those who came.

Bulletins

INDIANAPOLIS.—(AP)—Kin Hubbard, humorist, and creator of Abe Martin, died suddenly early Friday of heart disease.

NEWDELHI, India.—(AP)—One person was fatally injured and two wounded when a bomb exploded in the Delhi central station Friday. The bomb which was being carried in a suit case exploded near an elevator, killing an elevator boy instantly.

KANSAS CITY.—(AP)—Charles L. Duncan, 22, was sentenced to two and a half years in prison Friday on a plea of guilty to a charge of attempting to extort twenty-five thousand dollars from R. A. Long, a wealthy lumberman.

TOLEDO, Ohio.—(AP)—Officials of the Willys-Overland Co. Friday said that they expect a fifty per cent increase in the employment of their factory next month. This increase in the employment will depend largely on the impetus given the industry by the winter automobile shows.

To Require Local Labor for Roads

Blackwood Announces Policy Toward All Contractors

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—Dwight H. Blackwood, chairman of the State Highway Commission, said Friday that orders to resume construction on state highway contracts would be accompanied by the requirement that all contractors use Arkansas labor and teams wherever possible.

The sale of \$15,000,000 worth of short term road bonds, authorized by a federal allotment of federal highway aid, will furnish quick funds for a tremendous road construction program all through the first four months of 1931, it was said.

The federal allotment to Arkansas is more than \$1,300,000, and since this is from the emergency public construction fund, part of regular state funds necessary to match federal aid will be released for use on non-federal aid projects.

Local labor and teams have been used wherever possible. All state force projects, roads built without a contract, the highway department said, and thousands of dollars have been turned back to local communities in highway pay roll money since the middle of the summer.

Local Nurse Gets U. S. Appointment

Mary E. Arnold Leaves for Government Hospital in Wisconsin

Miss Mary Ellington Arnold, head nurse at Josephine Hospital for the last four years, resigned Thursday and left Hope for Hayward, Wis., to become head nurse at the Hayward School Government Hospital, an appointment she received recently from Congressman Tilman B. Parks.

Miss Arnold has been active in Business and Professional Women's club work here, serving as head of the health committee of that group, and being active in other community work.

Young Mother Ends Life With Poison

Apparently Despondent Because Husband Not Home Christmas

TOPEKA, Kan.—(AP)—Apparently despondent because her husband did not spend Christmas with her, Mrs. Mary Martin, twenty, and mother of two children, ended her life by taking poison late Thursday night.

Police who investigated the case said that the found a bottle which had contained poison near the body of the dead woman.

Mrs. Martin was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Langston of New Ark, Arkansas.

Five Prisoners Quit Georgia Jail

One Among Number Was to Be Executed on January 9th

WAYCROSS, Ga.—(AP)—Five prisoners including J. H. Parker, awaiting execution for the murder of his small child, escaped from the county jail here Friday by sawing the bars over the windows.

Parker's wife and baby were found buried in a field after an extensive search by a posse for them. He was tried only for the murder of the child. The execution date for Parker was set for January 9th.

No trace of any of the escaped men had been found up to noon Friday.

Unmasked Pair of Thugs Get \$12,000 Friday Afternoon

Bandits Catch Lone Teller During the Bank's Lunch Hour

ARE HEADED NORTH

Daring Daylight Robbery Staged at 12:20 p. m. Friday

The DeQueen First National Bank was held up by two unmasked men and robbed of between \$10,000 and \$12,000 at 12:20 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Star learned by telephone Friday.

Word of the robbery spread quickly down the line from the Sevier county seat, 60 miles away, and Hope business men affiliated with DeQueen business interests or having acquaintances there, learned of the robbery even before newspaper wire service did.

Two Robbers

The Star's telephone message to the DeQueen Bank, headquarters of the robbery, said the bank was raided by two unmasked men. One of the robbers stood guard outside the building during the noon hour, while the other went through the teller's cage and scooped up the money. The entire loot was in currency.

The robbers escaped in a 1930 Ford sedan bearing an Arkansas license. DeQueen authorities were not certain whether the car, headed straight west on the Missouri line or turned west to Oklahoma.

Lone Teller Caught

The bank force was caught shortly after the robbery entered the building. One teller, Kerry Honeysuckle, was on duty behind the counter, the rest of the force being at the cash register.

Honeysuckle was ordered to throw up his hands by the robber who came inside, and while the outside man watched the street, the pair completed their raid.

A Collins is president of the DeQueen bank.

J. C. Gray, 76, Dies at Home Near City

Funeral of County Citizen to Be Held at p. m. Saturday

Jasper Columbus Gray, 76, died suddenly of a heart attack Friday at his home near this city.

Mr. Gray is survived by his widow and the following children: Sam, Oliver, James and Henry; daughters, Mrs. Lynn White and Mrs. Merline Liggett; and 10 grandchildren, all of this county.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon with interment in Rose Hill cemetery. The Rev. W. R. Anderson will officiate.

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Mississippi Banks Fail to Open Doors

Main Bank and 2 Branches in Small Towns Are Closed

TUPELO, Miss.—(AP)—The Peoples Bank and Trust Company here and two branches at Nettleton and Rienza failed to open for business Friday.

Directors of the bank were to hold a meeting Friday afternoon seeking means of reorganization.

Deposits in the main bank totaled a million seven hundred thousand dollars. Both of the branches were small institutions.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—(AP)—The Library of William and Mary College has just received a donation of 40 original letters of Thomas Jefferson, written to an intimate friend, William Short, and covering a 40-year period to 1826.

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The newspaper is an institution developed by modern civilization to give the people of the day the facts of commerce and industry, thru widely distributed advertisements, and to furnish that check upon government which no institution has ever been able to provide. —Col. R. R. McCormick.

The Star's Platform

CITY

Apply the revenues of the municipal power plant to develop the industrial and social resources of Hope.
More city pavement in 1935, and improved sanitary conditions in the city.
Support the Chamber of Commerce.

COUNTY

A county highway program providing for the construction of a minimum amount of all-weather road each year, to gradually reduce the dirt road mileage.
Political and economic support for every scientific agricultural program which offers practical benefits to Hempstead county great-est industry.
Encourage farmer organizations, believing that co-operative effort is a practical in the country as it is in town.

STATE

Continued progress on the state highway program.
Fairer tax reform, and a more efficient government through the better system of expenditures.
Free Arkansians from the cattle tick.

Mexico's Real Defense

The Mexican Chamber of Deputies has taken under consideration a bill to abolish the Mexican navy in its entirety. It is urged, in behalf of the bill, that Mexico's navy is both useless and expensive—it costs \$1,000,000 a year—and that the money could be much better employed in some other way.

At first glance, one would say that this is a move toward disarmament. But it is hardly that. Mexico occupies an unusual position, as far as naval affairs are concerned. If she does abolish her navy, she will be moved by considerations that do not apply universally.

To begin with, the Mexican navy is woefully small. Five 100-ton gunboats, each one obsolete as far as modern warfare is concerned, and three converted cargo boats, compose its main squadrons. It is almost impossible to imagine a situation in which this fleet could do Mexico any good. It is not even strong enough to make a respectable parade; certainly it could not operate effectively in even the most dimmutive kind of war.

There is one other consideration, however, of much greater force. Mexican foreign policy must inevitably be colored by the existence of the United States just across the northern border. It is as certain as anything in the realm of international politics can be certain that the United States would not permit any nation to make war on Mexico. As far as the danger of invasion goes, the United States navy is Mexico's defense. And with this great United States battle fleet lying ready for action, why should Mexico bother to support five obsolete gunboats.

Right here is a point that most critics of America's role as a participant in the Monroe doctrine usually fail to consider. Granted that this country has occasionally acted in a high-handed manner toward certain Latin-American republics, it nevertheless remains a fact that the United States does extend a very real protection towards the republics to the south. A nation like Mexico is perfectly secure from European aggression because of the guardianship of the United States.

So Mexico considers abolishing its navy—with good reasons. As far as world disarmament is concerned, this will mean nothing. But it will be a saving for Mexico—and a good object lesson concerning the value of the Monroe doctrine, as well.

Building Needs

A recent survey conducted by a total of 236 Chambers of Commerce throughout the country it was revealed that more than \$4,500,000,000 worth of public buildings and improvements are needed at the present time. In this estimate no allowance was made for private work, such as residential buildings, office structures, factories, etc.

There is a great amount of public construction already under way, and there is more being considered. The great difficulty lies in the fact that it is taking so long for the work to get started sufficiently for the unemployed to be furnished work.

States are putting on road building programs which will provide work for hundreds and thousands of men, and if the major cities that have expressed need of improvements and plans for undertaking them would speed up their activities, the business trend would be well on its upward swing by spring. —Fayetteville Daily Leader.

Unemployment

Those who have been keeping up with the reports of the work of the recently established unemployment bureau which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce will realize the need of cooperation on the part of residents of the community if unemployment is to be reduced in the city.

Already the bureau has on file a large number of applications for work, but the offers of jobs are few and far between. During the first few days they were in the ratio of about one to fifteen. That means that out of fifteen unemployed men work will be found for only one.

One naturally asks: What is to become of the other fourteen? That is exactly the question the bureau officials are asking, and it is a question that every resident of the community should be trying to solve.

It is seldom that people are given the opportunity to have work done so economically. Materials are cheap and labor is plentiful. Work done now may mean a great saving to the individual, and there is no question but that it would be of great help to the unemployed. Giving these men work will be the quickest and surest way of bringing prosperity. —Fayetteville Daily Leader.

Oh, Doctor!

REVOLT! STRIKES!

Daily WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—It was in March, 1928, that Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York first introduced his three bills designed to meet the problem of unemployment. There had been an unusual amount of idleness in that winter and the country has heard a great deal about unemployment since, but there is still some doubt whether the three bills will become law before the present Congress expires in March, 1931.

At the outset Wagner's was a voice in the wilderness. No one paid much attention to him. Then the Senate passed all three bills at its last session. The House passed the one providing for collection of unemployment statistics, but there was a conspicuous failure to provide any money for such collection. The House emasculated almost completely the Wagner bill to create an advance planning board to prepare for unemployment emergencies and merely buried the third, which would give federal aid to state employment agency systems.

Now, as Congress talks about large sums for emergency unemployment relief, Wagner is in a position to suggest that if the three bills had been passed two years ago the nation would have been able to meet its depression with facilities which would have been at least partially effective. He believes the remaining two bills will be passed in this session and that money will be voted for collection of statistics, but he isn't sure and he says he can't get it through his head why the program wasn't made into law long ago.

Sees Prosperity Hope

"I hope these bills may still help re-establish good times," Wagner says. "Their wisdom has been indisputably proved, by events of the last year. I would prefer to be optimistic, but no one knows how bad conditions are going to be this winter. Last week in New York I saw a broadline where a priest served simple ration to the hungry. There were 5000 persons in that line on a Sunday afternoon. These things are so sickening that I know when the people understand the unemployment problem they will solve it promptly."

"The old theory, that government should keep out of these things has been destroyed. If it does, the capitalistic system is going to be challenged—and I favor that system."

Viewing conditions as they now exist, Wagner explained to the interviewer how his three measures dovetailed, each one highly important in itself.

"The bill for statistics furnishes a barometer which will tell us when a depression is threatened as well as how serious it becomes and enables us to put our advance planning machinery for public works in operation."

Could Get Quick Start

"With an advance planning organization we will be all ready to start, with plans and specifications. It usually takes six or seven months or even a year to get a public construction program under way, even in emergencies, and during that time depressions merely intensify. Public construction programs which are begun at once can take up the slack during a period in which private industry will have a chance to recover itself."

"We seem to do most of our public works in periods of prosperity. Private industry makes its greatest expansions in such times and our public officials show exactly the same tendency. What we ought to do, as everyone agrees, is to hold up public works for the recessions except for those which are really necessary."

"The third bill, for a federal aid system of state employment exchanges, would bring men to the available jobs and create an interstate exchange of labor. Today one state is ignorant of economic conditions in the others; it has no way of knowing. The proposed system would function constantly, with a centralized bureau in touch with all states."

"The least we can do is to see that when there are jobs to be had idle men capable of filling them can get them. Miss Frances I. Perkins, the New York state commissioner of labor, has been demonstrating how jobless men in one state can be sent to vacant jobs in another. Because she kept in touch with the officials of labor in New Jersey, for instance, she was recently able to send 400 men to a manufacturing industry in New Jersey, which could use them."

BARBS

Congress must be taking the unemployment situation seriously, considering the idle chatter going on there now.

A beauty queen was recently chosen in a contest among Eskimo girls in the Arctic Circle. As far as the other contestants were concerned, the whole affair was on the ice.

Then there is the Scotchman who declined to weigh himself on hearing a remark about tipping the scales.

High school girls in Maine are playing football. And according to the fashion experts, they've got pretty good lines.

"The wets," says a paragon, "are bent on making prohibition an exact science." Judging from some of the stuff around lately, it would be nearer correct to say "extract science."

The Duke Endowment contributed \$53,167 to the support of Methodist churches in the South during 1933.

The port of Mobile, Ala., has handled more than 150,000 bales of cotton since August.

HARMONY

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Hodnett had as guests Friday night, Luther Ellis and family of Liberty Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Daugherty and little sons, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan.

Harley Vines and little brother, Howard, called on their aunt, Mrs. Ella Hodnett Wednesday afternoon.

John Crews and son, George were Friday afternoon visitors to Hope.

Mrs. Milton Caudie has as her guest her mother Mrs. Cannon from near Bodewack this week.

Mr. Monroe Daugherty and son, Robert called at the George McMillan home Monday afternoon.

Messrs. Joe Daugherty and William Todd are visiting their uncle, Jimmy Todd, of Camden, this week.

Erwin Watson, Melvin Jordan and Jim Karber were visitors to Hope Saturday night.

George McMillan and family spent Sunday with Mack McMillan and family.

Horse Society Celebrates

DEDHAM, Mass.—(U.P.)—Although "horse days" have apparently passed into oblivion, the Society in Dedham for Apprehension of Horse Thieves recently celebrated its 12th anniversary with a banquet. A report made at the meeting showed that 24 new members had been added to the organization during the past year.

Tombstone Marks End of Century Old Romance

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark.—(U.P.)—A native stone grave, prepared by the "lost lover of the hills" more than a hundred years ago, has kept silent watch over a pioneer romance ended by a death of a young lady.

The romance occurred more than a century ago between a trapper and a young woman whose family lived in the valley below his cabin.

At the girl's death the trapper ob-

Two New 'Debs' At Capital



NEA Washington Bureau

Here are two of the most charming of the season's debutantes in Washington society. Above is Miss Mary Corning, daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Parker Corning of New York; below is Miss Caroline Hyde, daughter of Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Hyde.

tained permission from her family to

bury her in the "clearing" about his home which was to have been their home. The time-rock grave stone covering her by the youthful settler is unscarred. It rises two feet above the ground and bears no inscription or name.

His task completed the trapper disappeared.

SHOVER SPRINGS

Elder Smith of Little Rock preached at this place last Sunday.

Next Saturday night and Sunday is the regular preaching days. Don't forget to come.

C. G. Bennett and family spent last Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Arthur Mattison and Mr. Mattison.

The primary class of the local school rendered a nice program and Christmas tree Friday afternoon.

Political Announcements

The Star is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

CITY ELECTION

(January 7, 1935)
For Mayor
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WANTED

WANTED TO RENT—Bedroom adjoining bath. Close in. Phone 847J. 3t.

LOST

LOST—Patent leather hatbox containing apparel and Christmas packages, from car parked near 2nd and Elm. Reward. E. C. Steed, Phone 1605-F-21. 23-3t.

NOTICE—Right after Christmas, at the Penny store, is annual Remnant week. 23-3t.

LOST—Snap purse containing two \$5.00 bills and three \$1.00 bills. Reward for return to this office or S. S. Wafer. 22-3t.

Plant now—early bearing papaw, peach and other fruit trees for wonderful results. New planting guide and catalog free. Bass Pecan Nursery, Lumberton, Miss.

Murder at Bridge

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BEGIN HERE TODAY

JUANITA SELIM is murdered at bridge. Selimian sets on LYDIA CARR, the wife of FLORENCE MILES, in Nita's closet at the time of the murder reading a note which she thinks is from her husband, but which is from DEXTER SPRAGUE, probably Nita's lover and partner in blackmail, and on RALPH HAMMOND, engaged to Nita.

Lydia is eventually arrested, and gives an alibi for Sprague; Ralph also seems innocent. At the inquest at the hotel house, Dunde finds a board on a pivot, in the garden closet, which opens into a shelf between the walls. A box of six people, he thinks, are hidden the gun and silencer with which Nita was shot.

After pictures are taken of the dress in which Nita is to be cremated, Lydia says she doesn't know whom Nita feared, and tells of a hell surprise, contrived near Nita's bed which rings in Lydia's room, and of which others may know. Lydia says she knew Sprague returned to the house after the murder to remove his "things." As the bellman told the bridge party could have hidden the gun there, and removed it when getting their things. Any one of six people—but who?

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY
CHAPTER XXXII

HAVING tickled the big bronze lamp, which he had brought with him from the Selim house, and locked it away in the room devoted to "exhibits for the state," Bonnie Dundee hurried into Penny's office, primed with the news of his discovery of the secret hiding place and eager to lay his new theory before the district attorney.

"Bill's gone," Penny interrupted her swift typing to inform him. "To Chicago. He had only 15 minutes to make the three o'clock train, after he received a wire saying his mother is not expected to live. He tried to reach you at the Selim house, but one of Captain Strawn's men said you had left."

"I stopped on my way in to get a bite to eat," Dundee explained mechanically. "I dashed off without any lunch, you know."

"Did you find the gun and silencer?" Penny asked.

"No. Whoever used it Saturday afternoon walked out of the house with it, in plain view of the police, and still has it. . . . Very convenient, too, in case another murder seems to be expedient—or amusing."

"Don't joke!" Penny shuddered. "But what in the world do you mean?"

Briefly Dundee told her.

"I see," Penny agreed, her husky voice slow and weighted with horror. She sat in dazed thought for a minute. "That rather brings it home to my crowd—doesn't it?"

To think that Dad—! Probably everyone at the party—except me—had heard all about Dad's arrangement for hiding the securities he sent on to New York before he ran away. And no outsiders—nobody but us—had a legitimate excuse for entering that closet.

Not even Dexter Sprague. It's one of his afflictions not to wear a hat—

"Is it?" Dundee pounced. "You're sure he wore no hat that afternoon? Did you notice him when he left after I had dismissed you?"

"Yes," Penny acknowledged honestly. "I paid attention to him, because I was hating him so. I believed then that he was the murderer, and I was furious with you and Captain Strawn for not arresting him. . . . He was the first to leave—just walked straight out; wouldn't even stop to talk with Janet Raymond, who was trying to get a word with him. I saw him start toward Sheridan Road—walking. He has no car, you know."

"DID YOU observe the others?" Dundee demanded eagerly.

"Do you know who went alone to the guest closet?"

Penny shook her head. "Everybody was milling around in the hall, and I paid no attention. Lois said she would drive me home, and then I went in to ask you to let me stay behind with you—"

"I remember. . . . Listen, Penny! I'm going to tell you something else that nobody knows yet but Sanderson, Lydia and me. I don't have to ask you not to tell any of your friends. You know well enough that anything you learn from either Sanderson or me is strictly confidential."

Penny nodded, her face very white and her brown eyes big with misery.

"I have every reason to believe that Nita Selim was a blackmailer, that she came to Hamilton for the express purpose of bleeding someone she had known before, or someone on whom she had the goods" from some underworld source or other. At any rate, Nita banked 10,000 mysterious dollars—\$5000 on April 28, and \$5000 on May 5. I talked to Drake last night, and I have his word for it that the money was in bills of varying denomination—none large—when Nita presented it for deposit. Therefore it seems clear to me that Nita got the money right here in Hamilton; otherwise it would have come to her in the form of checks or drafts or money orders. And it seems equally clear to me that she did not bring that large amount of cash from New York with her, or she would have deposited it in a lump sum in the bank immediately after her arrival."

"Yes," Penny agreed. "But why are you telling me? . . . Of course I'm interested—"

"Because I want you to tell me the financial status of each of your friends," Dundee said gently. "I know how hard it is for you—"

"You could find out from others, so I might as well tell you," Penny interrupted, with a weary shrug. "Judge Marshall is well-to-do, and Karen's father—her mother is dead—settled \$100,000 on her when she married. She has complete control of her own money. . . . The Dunlaps are the richest people in Hamilton, and have been for two or three generations. Lois was first family, but poor when she married Peter, but he's been giving her an allowance of \$20,000 a year for several years—not for running the house, but for her personal use. Clothes, charities, hobbies, like the Little Theater she brought Nita here to organize—"

"I wouldn't say she spends a great deal of it on dress," Dundee

interrupted with a grin, as a vision of Lois Dunlap's comfortably dowdy figure rose in his mind.

LOIS doesn't give a hang, now she looks or what anyone thinks of her—which is probably one reason she is the best-loved woman in our crowd," Penny retorted loyally. "The Miles' money is really Flora's, and she has the reputation of being one of the shrewdest business men in town. When she married Tracey nearly eight years ago, he was just the salesmanager in her father's business—the biggest dairy in the state. . . . Well, when Flora married Tracey, her father retired and let Tracey run the business for Flora, and he's still managing it, but Flora is the real head. . . . Now, let's see. . . . Oh, yes, the Drinkes! . . . Johnny is vice president of the Hamilton National Bank, as you know, and owns a big block of the stock. Carolyn has no money except what Johnny gives her, and I rather think he isn't any too generous—"

"They don't get along very well together, do they?"

"No!" Penny agreed reluctantly. "You see, Johnny Drake was simply not cut out for love and marriage. He's a born ascetic, would have been a monk two or three centuries ago, but he cares as much for Carolyn as he could for any woman. . . . The Hammond boys have some inherited money, and Clive has made a big financial success of architecture. . . . That leaves only Janet and Polly, doesn't it? . . . Polly's an orphan and has barrels of money, and will have barrels more when her aunt, with whom she lives, dies and leaves her the fortune she has always promised her."

"And Janet Raymond?"

"Janet's father is pretty rich—owns a big wire fence factory, but Janet has only a reasonable allowance," Penny answered. "As for me—I'm very rich: I get 35 whole dollars a week, to support myself and Mother on."

Dundee remained thoughtfully silent for a long minute. "Then: 'All you girls are alumnas of Forsythe-on-the-Hudson, and Nita Selim came here immediately after she had directed a Forsythe play. . . . Tell me, Penny—was any of the Hamilton girls ever in disgrace while in the Forsythe school?"

Penny's face flamed. "I'm sorry to disappoint you, but so far as I know there was never anything of the sort. Of course we all graduated different years, except Karen and me, and I might not have heard—But no!" she denied vehemently. "There wasn't any scandal on a Hamilton girl ever! I'm sure of it!"

But her very vehemence convinced Bonnie Dundee that she was not at all sure. . . .

He looked at his watch. Four o'clock. . . . By this time Nita Selim was nothing more than a little heap of gray ashes. . . .

"I'm going out now, Penny, and I shall be back today," he told the girl who had returned to her typing. "I'll telephone in about an hour to see if anything has come up. . . . By the way, how do I get to the Dunlap house?"

"It's in the Brentwood section. You know—that cluster of hills around Mirror Lake. Most of the crowd live out there—the Drakes, the Mileses, the Beales, the Marshals. The Dunlap house stands on the highest hill of all. It's gray stone, a little like a French chateau. We used to live out there, too, in a Colonial house my mother's father built, but my father persuaded Mother to sell when he went into that Primrose Meadows venture. The Rammonds bought it. . . . But why do you want to see Lois?"

"Thanks much, Penny. I don't know what I should do without you," Dundee said, without answering her question, and reached for his hat.

After 10 minutes of driving, the last mile of which had circled a smooth silver coin of a lake, Dundee stopped his car and let his eyes rove appreciatively. He had made this trip the night before to question Lydia, already installed as nurse for the Miles children; but it had been too dark for him to see much of this section consecrated to Hamilton's socially elect. . . .

Georgian "cottage," Spanish hacienda, Italian villa, Tudor mansion—that was the Miles home; Colonial mansion where Penny had once lived; gray stone chateau. . . . Not one of them blatinly new or marked with the dollar sign. Dundee sighed a little, enviously as he turned his car into the winding driveway that led up the highest hill to the Dunlap home.

Lois Dunlap betrayed no surprise when the butler led Dundee to the flagstoned over terrace overlooking Mirror Lake, where she was having tea with her three children and their governess.

"How do you do, Mr. Dundee? . . . This is Miss Burden. . . . My three offspring—Peter the third, Eleanor, and Bobby. . . . Will you please take the children to the playground now, Miss Burden? . . . Thank you! . . . Tea, Mr. Dundee! Or shall I order you a highball?"

"Nothing, thanks," Dundee answered, grateful for her friendliness but not surprised by it. Not for the first time he felt a sick distaste for the profession he had chosen.

"It's all over," Lois Dunlap said in a low voice, as the butler retreated. "Lydia made her look very beautiful. . . . I thought it would be rather horrible, having to see her, as the poor child, requested in her note to Lydia, but I'm glad now I did. She looked as sweet and young and innocent as she must have been when she first wore the royal blue velvet."

"I'm glad," Dundee said sincerely. Then he leaned toward her across the tea table. "Mrs. Dunlap, will you please tell me just how you persuaded Mrs. Selim to come to Hamilton—so far from Broadway?"

"Why, certainly!" Lois Dunlap answered, puzzled. "But it really did not take much persuasion after I showed her some group photographs we had made when we Forsythe girls put on 'The Beggar's Opera' here last October—a benefit performance for the Forsythe Almshouse Scholarship fund."

With difficulty Dundee controlled his excitement. "May I see those photographs, please?"

(Continued on Page Four)

SOCIETY

Mrs. Sid Henry Telephone 321

To These The Christ Was Born
Born for the poor, the lonely and the meek
For gentle dreamers and those worn by toil
For waiters who serve, hopeless, through the night
And teachers, who give all to gain the truth
For these The Christ Was Born.
These only in a world grown fat with ease
These only in a world grown cruel with power
Had eyes to see the glory of that star
Had ears to hear the wonder of that song—
The Night That Christ Was Born.
Two thousand years ago he came—they say—
Yet daily, in our midst, the Hope is born—
Always Truth lights the desert like a star
And Love breaks the darkness like a song.
For Those Whose Christ is Born—E.R.

A Capital Orator



A woman can out-talk a man—and attractive Clara Critchfield, above, is living proof of it! She is the first girl who ever has won the annual oratorical contest for freshmen students at George Washington University, Washington. Her home is in the capital, too, where oratory abounds.

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"The Santa Fe Trail"
—With—
Mitzi Green
Eugene Paulette
—Also—
"Mickey the Mouse"
"Indians Are Coming"
"Tarzan the Tiger"

MOM'N POP



Merry Christmas



model of electric blue crepe, made in afternoon length and wide matching accessories. Her bouquet was of Columbia roses, ferns and baby breath. Mrs. Murph is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Routh of Trenton, Texas, is a graduate of the S. M. U. at Dallas, Texas and for the past year has taught civics and Spanish in the public schools of Leonard, Texas. The groom is a graduate of Hope High school, and until his removal to southern Texas about eight years ago, held a responsible position in one of Hope's banks. Since moving to Harlingen, he has held the position of Assistant Cashier in the Valley State Bank. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Murph left for a short wedding trip in the South and will be at home after January 1st, at Harlingen, Texas. Out of town guests attending the wedding were Mrs. J. Routh of Trenton, Texas, mother of the bride, Charles Routh of Trenton, brother of the bride, and Mrs. E. E. Rigney of Harlingen, and Mrs. H. L. Ballew of Honey Grove, Texas, sisters of the bride.

OUT OUR WAY



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SPECIALS

For Saturday and Monday

1931 will soon be here. Time now to enjoy Patterson's sayings on foods of known quality and value.

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Lettuce	Fancy Large Iceberg	10c
Cranberries	Eatmor—Quart	15c
Cheese	Wisconsin No. 1 Full Cream—Pound	23c
Bacon	Independent Sugar Cured and Rindless, English Style—Pound	29c
Raisins	Blue Ribbon Seedless 15 ounce package	9c
Meal	Ye Olde Tyme Brand 5 pound package	15c
Flour	The good old Sunflower 12 pound sack 37c 24 pound sack	68c
Coffee	Six O'Clock, Satisfaction in every can	32c

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CASH AND CARRY GROCERY

The Young People of the First Presbyterian Church, sponsored by Mrs. Carroll Brown sang Christmas Carols on Christmas evening at the homes of Christmas, thereby bringing to them the message of the New Born King and Christmas cheer.

Mrs. C. P. Stinson, who has been the guest for the past ten days of her mother, Mrs. M. V. Scoles and brother Eben Eason, in this city has returned to her home in Osawatomie, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bowden and Miss Helen Bowden had as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Phillips of Idabel, Okla and Miss Lorena Darnell of Columbus.

Mrs. M. H. Barlow and Mrs. Elizabeth Pritchard had as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howson and son, Ashdown, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Barlow of Malvern and Harry Barlow of DeQueen.

Miss Sarah Early of Camden was the guest of Miss Alice Pritchard for the Christmas dance.

Miss Audra Waltrip of Arkadelphia was the guest last evening of Miss Frances White and attended the Christmas dance.

Russell Farley of Shreveport will arrive this afternoon for a week end visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. White and Mrs. P. A. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stanford, of S. Elm street, were hosts at a large family gathering Christmas day. They entertained their sons and families, Warren Stanford of Camden, and Sidney Stanford of Honduras, Central America. A big Christmas tree and a turkey dinner provided entertainment for grown folks as well as the children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Atkins were visitors to Hope Monday.

Mrs. W. F. Robins and Mrs. J. B. Robins were visitors to Hope Thursday.

Mrs. Grace Green and Mrs. Semore of Hope were visitors here Thursday.

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Depositor.

We Burns Fatal to Elderly Woman

H. C. Fairchild Sues at Her Home in Texarkana

TEXARKANA.—Mrs. Harriet C. Fairchild, 85, died at 3 a. m. Thursday at her home, 2124 West 12th street. She had received several burns from a gas stove. She was survived by one son, B. H. Fairchild, and one daughter, Mrs. M. Pleasant, both of Texarkana. She had 20 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock Friday at the Damascus church. Burial was in the Damascus cemetery. Rev. H. C. Fairchild, pastor of the First Baptist church at Mount Pleasant, officiating.

Philadelphia W. C. T. U. Stricter Enforcement

PHILADELPHIA.—(U.P.)—Resolutions were adopted at the annual meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, urging a stricter Sabbath observance, a Federal Commission to investigate motion pictures, and a campaign against the use of non-alcoholic beverages.

One of the resolutions adopted declared that the Act of 1794 adequately protects the interests of the Lord's day from commercialism and lewdness. The resolution dealing with motion pictures expressed the opinion that the Federal Bill which would provide a Federal Commission to regulate the industry might improve the situation. Another resolution commended Mr. and Mrs. Hoover for their efforts against the use of alcoholic beverages.

Congressman Retracts Old Golf Statement

NEW HURST, N. C.—(U.P.)—Allen Treadway, Congressman from the first Massachusetts district, stood on the steps of the Pinehurst Country Club and said he was prepared to take back all he said 32 years ago, when he stood on the same spot and declared that "this game of golf is just a fad and will soon die out."

Arkansas Mountaineer Held for Slaying Man

FAYETTEVILLE.—(U.P.)—Lee Rhine, 30-year-old mountaineer, was held in jail here Thursday following the killing of Bill Brundidge. Rhine told officers he sent his two small brothers to a cow pasture Wednesday and when they failed to return went in search of them. He came upon them in woods, covered by a shotgun in the hands of Brundidge. Brundidge immediately turned the gun on Rhine, the latter said, cursing the entire Rhine family. Rhine was knocked to his knees with the butt of the gun but pushed the barrel aside with one hand and pulled a knife open with his teeth and in the ensuing fight cut Brundidge's throat. Rhine surrendered to officers who indicated manslaughter charges would be preferred against him.

Gold Bar Prize in Old Fashioned Spelling Bee

RENO, Nev.—(U.P.)—Up on the old Comstock lode, where every corner is colored with the romance of Nevada's history, the best known words of Noah Webster suddenly are in demand. There will be an old-fashioned spelling bee on the Comstock. The prize will be a gold bar, a replica of the one won by Fred S. Oliver, now of Chicago, in a spelling bee 52 years ago at Virginia City. They did things in a big way in those days and the prize bars for the best spellers were moulded in the form of bullion, which was poured from the Big Bonanza and other ore bodies of the great lode.

Personal Mention

Dr. G. E. Cannon returned Tuesday from a short visit to Louisville, Kentucky.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

STRANGE WHAT
WONDERS A GOOD
NIGHT'S SLEEP AT
HOME WILL DO FOR
A YOUNGSTER...
FRECKLES' FAST
HEALING GUN WOUND
HAS BEEN
DRESSED AND HE
IS UP BRIGHT AND
EARLY CHRISTMAS
MORNING, ALL
SET FOR THE
USUAL THRILLS OF
THE DAY....

SEE, BUT
IT'S GREAT
TO BE
HOME!!

HURRY UP
FRECKLES!
I'LL GETCHA
SANTA CLAUS
HAS BEEN
HERE!!

MERRY
CHRISTMAS,
BOYS!!

AND IT SURELY
IS A MERRY
ONE

YOU SEE, FRECKLES, WE
JUST FELT SURE YOU'D
BE HERE TODAY... AND
IT LOOKS LIKE SANTA
DID, TOO!!

SEE I KNOW
WHAT CHRISTMAS
PRESENT I LIKE
BEST OF ALL!

MY BROTHER
!!!

TELL THEM
ABOUT YOUR
GUN WOUND,
FRECKLES!!

WELCOME
HOME!!

OSCAR
DOUGHTA BE
HERE...

AND CAN'T
YOU JUST
IMAGINE THE
FUN FRECKLES
HAD, TELLING
HIS FRIENDS
ALL ABOUT HIS
ADVENTURE
OUT IN
THE LAND
OF
MISSING
MEN!!!

DOCTOR'S BULLETIN!

FRECKLES
SLIGHT GUN
WOUND
HAS
PRACTICALLY
HEALED
AND THERE
IS NO
MORE CAUSE
FOR
WORRY!!

IS MR. RILEY GOING TO COME BACK TO SEE US TO DAY, MOM?

NOT TILL TOMORROW
SON... THAT'S WHAT
HE SAID WHEN HE
LEFT TO FLY HOME
FOR CHRISTMAS..

BUT HURRY! WE'D BETTER GET DOWN STAIRS.. SOME OTHER FOLKS MAY CALL TO SEE YOU!!

SEE! DO YOU
REALLY THINK
SO... AN' CAN I
TELL THEM ALL
ABOUT MY
TRIP?

New Orleans Jails Bulge With Record Population

NEW ORLEANS.—(U.P.)—Sirenuous prohibition enforcement, unemployment and unseasonable cold weather have given New Orleans its biggest

Model City to Fight Against Bootleggers

WASHINGTON.—(U.P.)—Every effort will be made to "prevent the bootlegger or other law violator from interfering with the well-being of the workmen" on the Hoover Dam project on the Colorado River, according to the annual report of the Bureau of Reclamation to Secretary of Interior Wilbur.

Cold Weather Freezes Up Pet Turtle's Neck

ELY, Nev.—(U.P.)—After withstanding weather extremities for 500 years, a turtle owned by Roy Rigby just got too cold and froze up.

DOUBLE PROGRAM (Continued From Page One)

\$21,000 yearly, all of which goes to home people and is spent here in the city. To the layman, probably the most impressive way of stating the case is that sixty tons of paper, costing \$4,100.00 are used each year in sending the Hope Star to its readers. This paper comes in rolls, each roll being a sheet three miles long. This paper goes through the press at the speed of one mile per hour, and during the year 420 miles of paper are used. A mile of paper is needed for each regular daily edition, the remainder being

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Murder at Bridge

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BEGIN "LEAD TODAY"

LYDIA SELIM is murdered at bridge. Suspicion rests on LYDIA SELIM, the model, PLOHA, the beggar, and NITA, the highwayman.

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Opera—she almost snatched the photograph out of my hands. As she studied it, her lovely black eyes grew perfectly enormous. I've never seen her so excited since—

"What did she say?" Dundee interrupted tensely.

"Why," she said nothing just at first, then she began to laugh in the queerest way—almost hysterically. I asked her why she was laughing—I was a little huffy, I'm afraid—and she said the men looked so adorably conceited and funny. Then she began to ask the names of the players. I told her that 'Macbeth'—he's the highwayman hero, you know—was played by Clive Hammond; that my Peter was 'Robin of Bagshot'; that Tracey Miles played the jailor, 'Lockit'—

"Did she show more interest in one man than another?"

"Yes. When I pointed out Judge Marshall as 'Peacocks', the fence, she cried out suddenly: 'Why, I know him! I met him once on a party... Is he really a judge?' and she laughed as if she knew something very funny about Hugo. As no doubt she did. He was an inveterate 'lady killer' before his marriage, as you may have heard."

"Do you ever see Judge Marshall among the players' pictures?" Dundee asked.

"No," Lois answered, after considering a moment. "I'm sure she didn't notice him until I pointed him out. The face in this group that seemed to interest her most was Flora Miles. Flora played the part of 'Lucy Lockit', the jailor's daughter, and Karen Marshall the other feminine lead. 'Polly Peacocks', you know. But it was Flora's picture she lingered over. I showed her this picture," and she pointed out a stocky, belated-looking man near the end of the long row of costumed players in the photograph which showed the entire cast.

"You say that Mrs. Selim accepted your proposal that she come to Hamilton to organize a Little Theater, after she saw these photographs?" Dundee asked. "Had she refused before?"

"Yes, I'd gone to New York for the annual Easter play which the Forsythe School puts on, because I'm intensely interested in semi-professional theatricals," Lois explained. "Nita had done a splendid job with the play this year, and I spoke to her after it was over. She was not at all interested then, but polite about it, so I invited her to have lunch with me the next day, and showed her these photographs, in the hope that they would make her take the idea more seriously. We had borrowed a Little Theater director from Chicago, and I knew we had done a really good job of 'The Beggar's Opera.' The local reviews

Oh, yes, she also asked, quite naively, if all my friends were rich, too, and could help support a Little Theater. I reassured her on that point."

"And," Dundee reflected silently, "upon a point much more important to Nita Selim." Aloud he said: "I don't see you among the cast."

"Oh, I haven't a grain of talent," Lois Dunlap laughed. "I can't act for two cents—can I, Peter darling? ... Here's the redoubtable 'Robin of Bagshot' in person. Mr. Dundee—my husband!"

The detective rose to shake hands with the man he had been too absorbed to see or hear at prodding.

"You're the man from the district attorney's office?" Peter Dunlap scowled, his hand barely touching Dundee's. "I suppose you're trying to get at the bottom of the mystery of why my wife brought that Selim woman—"

"Don't call her that! Selim woman, Peter!" Lois Dunlap interrupted with more sharpness than Dundee had ever seen her display. "You never liked the poor girl, was never just to her."

"Well, it looks as if my job was correct, doesn't it?" the stocky, rugged-faced man retorted. "I told you the beginning to pay her off and send her back to New York—"

"You knew I couldn't do that, even to please you, dear," Lois said. "But please don't let's quarrel about it. Nita again. She's dead now, and I want to do anything I can to help finding her murderer to justice."

"There's nothing you can do, Lois, and I hope it's necessary to quiz you again."

Dundee reached for his hat. "I hope so, too, Mr. Dunlap. . . . By the way, you are president of the Chamber of Commerce, aren't you?"

"Yes, I am! And we're having a meeting tonight, at which that Sprague man's bid on making a historical movie of Hamilton will be turned down—unanimously. Now that the Selim woman isn't here to ramp my fellow-members into doing anything she wants, I think I can safely promise you that Dexter Sprague will have no further business in Hamilton—unless it is police business!"

"Thanks for the tip, Mr. Dunlap," Dundee said evenly. "I hope you enjoyed your fishing trip. Where do you fish, sir?"

"A tactful way of asking for my alibi, eh?" Dundee was heavily sarcastic. "I left Friday afternoon for my own camp in the mountains, up in the northeast part of the state. I drove my own car, went alone, spent the week-end alone, and got back this noon. I read of the murder in a paper I picked up in a village on my way home. I didn't like Nita Selim and I don't give a damn about her being murdered, except that my wife's name is in all the papers. . . . Any questions?"

"None, thanks!" Dundee answered curtly, then turned to Lois Dunlap who was watching the two men with troubled, gray eyes. "I am very grateful to you, Mrs. Dunlap, for your kindness."

The detective's angry resentment of Peter Dunlap's attitude lasted

until he was on the road into Ham- ilton. Then common sense inter- vened. Dunlap was undoubtedly de- voted to his wife. Penny had said that he "never looked at another woman." It was rather more than natural that he should be in a fit- ting, blistering rage at the outcome of her friendship for the Little Broadway dancer. . . .

FREE of anger, his mind reverted to the story Lois Dunlap had told him. For in it, he was sure, was hidden the key to the mystery of Nita Selim's murder. Not at all interested in the proposition to organize a Little Theater in Hamilton, Nita had been seized with a strange excitement as soon as she was shown photographs of a large group of Hamilton's richest and most prominent inhabitants. . . . But there was the rub! A large group! Would that group of possible suspects never narrow down to one? Of course there was Judge Marshall, but if Lois Dunlap's memory was to be trusted Nita had not noticed the elderly Beau Brummel's picture until after that strange, hysterical excitement had taken possession of her. And if it had been Judge Marshall whom she had come to Hamilton to blackmail would Nita not have guarded her tongue before Lois? The same was true about her unusual interest in Flora Miles. . . .

Again a blank wall! For in that group photograph had appeared every man, woman and girl who had been Nita's guest on the day of her murder. . . .

Dundee, paying more attention to his driving, now that he was in the business section of the city, saw ahead of him the second-rate hotel where Dexter Sprague had been living since Nita had wired him to join her in Hamilton. On a sudden impulse the detective parked his car in front of the hotel and five minutes later was knocking upon Sprague's door.

"Well, what do you want now?" the unshaven, pallid man demanded. Dundee stepped into the room and closed the door. "I want you to tell me the name of the man Nita Selim came here to blackmail."

"Blackmail?" Sprague echoed, his pallid cheeks going more yellow. "You're crazy! Nita came here to take a job—"

"She came here to blackmail someone, and I am convinced that she sent for you to act as a partner in her scheme. . . . No, wait! I'm convinced, I tell you," Dundee assured him grimly. "But I'll make a trade with you, in behalf of the district attorney. Tell me the name of the person she blackmailed and I will promise you immunity from prosecution as her accomplice."

"Get out of my room!" and Dexter Sprague's right forefinger trembled violently as it pointed toward the door in a melodramatic gesture.

"Very well, Sprague," Dundee said. "But let me give you a friendly warning. Don't try to carry on the good work. Nita got \$10,000, but she also got a bullet through her heart. And the gun which fired that bullet is safely back in the hands of the killer. . . . You're not going to get that movie job, and I was just afraid you might be tempted! . . . Good afternoon!"

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